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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

## In the Claims

The translation of the priority document (Exhibit A) which is submitted as the application contains two sets of claims: a first set on pages 21 and 22 (Claims 1-17) and a second set on pages 24 and 25 (numbered Claims 1-16). Please cancel all of these claims and add new Claims 17-41 which are attached as Exhibit B to this Preliminary Amendment.

## In the Specification

Attached as Exhibit C is a copy of the translation of the Specification with handwritten amendments noted therein.

Exhibit D is a clean copy of the specification incorporating the amendments to the translation of the specification and new Claims 17-41. The new Claims 17-41 are on pages 21-23. Finally, the Abstract page has been renumbered as page 24.

#### Discussion

The applicants have amended the original specification (Exhibit A) in the manner shown in Exhibit C. After incorporating these changes into the specification, the applicants offer Exhibit D as the amended specification for review by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

#### CONCLUSION

The applicants believe all claims are now in condition for review.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Exhibits A-D

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